

Politics A Level Summer Tasks

Welcome to A Level Politics! We are so excited for you to be joining us. Please complete all these summer tasks and bring your notes to our first lesson. There will be a news quiz in our first lesson!

Task 1: News Journal

Politics A Level requires you to be consistently up to date with current affairs – relevant examples get more marks!

Twice per week you must read and summarise two major news stories. You must read articles from at least two different news outlets. Summarise the stories into bullet point notes.

Task 2: Studying Politics: A Beginner's Guide

 [politics-getting-started.pdf](#)

Read through the article here. Do you have any questions or queries when you've finished? Write them down and bring them to our first lesson.

Task 3: What are Politics and Democracy?

Watch the videos below and answer these questions:

How would you define Politics? Why do you think about why it is such a contested concept? Why do you think different people define politics so differently?

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/society-politics-law/what-politics/content-section-1.3>

What are the different types of democracy and how they operate in the UK. How would you explain that the UK is a democracy?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2m-KUO7VUQ&t=10s>

Task 4: What is ideology?

Part 1: Read the introductory pages from each of the three major ideologies discussed in the course, available in the *Introduction to Ideology* reading below. Answer these questions:

What does it mean to be a conservative, a liberal and a socialist.

 [politics-introduction-to-ideology-reading-1.pdf](#)

Part 2: Complete the political party quiz by following the *UK inside with the* link below. Does this align with your ideological view? If not consider in which areas your viewpoint differs and think about why that might be. What has shaped your political views?

<https://uk.isidewith.com/political-quiz>

Extension Tasks

Watch the following videos that will explain the UK political system and the UK political parties in more detail.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOJV9-24rIY>

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